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for the year ending

October, 1856.

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ANNUAL SESSION

of the

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY

for the year 1856

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Elizabeth, N. J.,
October 21st, 1956.

The Synod of New Jersey met according to adjournment, in the First Presbyterian Church, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. and was opened with a sermon from III John 8th, by the Rev. Robert Street, the Moderator.

After public worship, the Synod was constituted by prayer.

Present

From the Presbytery of Passaic

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Dr. Magie	Wm. C. Williams	2nd Elizabeth.
Mr. Rosenthal		German, Paterson
Mr. Chester		
Mr. Ogden		Chatham Village
Mr. Harris		
Mr. Kirtland	Joseph Magie	Springfield
Mr. Edwards	Ira C. Whitehead	1st, Morristown
Mr. Street		
Mr. Strong		2nd, Morristown
Mr. Craven	David Burnet	1st, Paterson
Mr. Blauvelt	David M. Potter	Connecticut Farms
Mr. James		Mt. Freedom
Mr. Williamson	Jacob D. Vermilyer	3rd, Newark
	Henry Hedges	Chester
	Samuel White	Mt. Olive and Flanders

From the Presbytery of Elizabethtown

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. Bond	Andrew A. Cadmus	Plainfield

Presbytery of Elizabethtown (cont)

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Dr. Blauvelt	David Dunham	Lamington
Dr. Murray	Reuben Van Pelt	First Elizabeth
Mr. Cory		Perth Amboy
Mr. English	James H. Day	Liberty Corner
Mr. Sheddan		First Rahway
Mr. Rankin	James I Hill	Baskingridge
Mr. Reinhart	Elias Marsh	Elizabeth Port
Mr. Sheldon	John Van Landt	Pluckamin
Mr. Edgar	Francis R. Baker	Westfield
Mr. Huntting	Wm. F. Halliday	New Vernon
Mr. Finley	Henry N. Demarest	First, Woodbridge
Mr. Martin	Smith Bloomfield	2nd, Woodbridge
Mr. Mott	Matthias Osborn	New Providence
Mr. Wirz	George F. Webb	2nd, Rahway
Mr. Crane		Ger. Ch. Rahway
Dr. Riggs		Ger. Ch. Rahway

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Dr. Carnahan		Ewing
Isaac Vandoren		Ewing
Dr. Cogswell	John Applegate	First, Cranbury
Dr. Cooley		
Mr. Webster	Samuel S. Brokaw	Bound Brook
Dr. Henry	Josiah Ford	1st, New Brunswick
Dr. Rodgers		
Mr. Stewart		Kingston
Mr. Nasson		
Dr. J. Machen		2nd Cranbury
Dr. Baird		
Dr. Davidson		
Dr. P. L. Janeway	Robert E. Craig	Freehold
Dr. McDonald		First Princeton
Mr. Hale	Azariah Hunt	Pennington
Dr. Hall		Colored Ch. Princeton
Mr. Worrel		Dutch Neck
Mr. I. M. Rogers		Hamilton Square
Mr. Scribner		
Mr. White	Dr. F. A. Ewing	First, Trenton
Mr. Davis		Millstone
Mr. Gorman		
Mr. Wilson		
Mr. Rowell	Benj. Griggs	Middletown Pt.

Presbytery of New Brunswick (cont)

Mr. Kirkpatrick		Red Bank
Mr. C. W. Band		2nd, Trenton
Mr. Hemial		
Mr. Manning	Wm. DeHart	3rd, Trenton
Dr. Hasson	B. F. Randolph	Vil.Ch.Freehold
Mr. Gorman		2nd, Princeton
Mr. S. M. Hamill		
Dr. Davidson	John Brearley	Lawrence
	John Welling	
	T. M. Byrom	Shrewsbury

Presbytery of Newton

Mr. Hand	James Stewart	Greenwich
Mr. Condit		Musconetcong Valley
Dr. Wilson	John White	Hackettstown
Mr. Tully		
Mr. Bush		Stillwater
Mr. Reiley	Wm.Van Natta	Harmony
Mr. S. McNair		Hardwick
Mr. Sturges		Marksborough
Mr. Wood		
Mr. H. Reeves	Wm. J. Beers	Stewartsville
Mr. Knighton	John L. Teele	Blairstown
Mr. Barret	Jacob V. Creveling	1st,Mansfield
Mr. W. C. Cattell	Adam R. Reese	Phillipsburgh
Mr. Foresman		Stroudsburgh
	George Keiver	Oxford
	Whitfield S.Johnson	Newton
	Wm.McIlhanney	Lower Mt. Bethel
	George Frutchey	Upper Mt. Bethel
	Tunis H.Tunison	2nd,Mansfield
	David Neighbour	German Valley

Presbytery of West Jersey

Mr. Graham		Pittsgrove
Mr. Ford		Greenwich
Mr. Brown		Woodbury
Mr. I. Rogers		Blackwoodtown
Mr. T.W.Cattell		Cold Spring
Mr. Annin	U.D.Woodruff	1st,Bridgeton
Mr. Heroy		Salem
Dr. Kollock	Geo.H.VanGelder	Camden

Presbytery of Raritan

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Dr. Kirkpatrick	Thos. Skillman	Amwell United 1st
Dr. Studdiford	Samuel Baldwin	Amwell 2nd
Mr. Hunt, Jr.	John H. Anderson	Larbertville
Mr. J. McNair		Rosemont
Mr. Porter	Robert C. Stevens	Pleasant Grove
Mr. Carrel		Lower Ger.Valley
Mr. Spayd	A.W.Dunham	Clinton
Mr. Pete Studdiford	John Dalrymple	Kingwood
M. S. Osmond		Frenchtown
	Ralph Sutphin	Amwell 1st
	Henry Wynkoop	Solebury
	George Carpenter	Milford
	John Brown	Forestville

Presbytery of Susquehanna

Foster
James Williamson

Presbytery of Luzerne

Mr. Leane		Coningham
Mr. Jonathan Osmond	George Wiggen	Tamaqua
Mr. Johnson	Charles Fuller	Scranton
Mr. Dorrance	James Helme	Pittston
Mr. T. P. Hunt		Port Carbon
Mr. Hickok	Geo. W. Loveland	Kingston
Mr. Wells	G. [illegible]. Smith	Mauch Chunk
Mr. Parke		
Mr. Snowden		
Mr. Lowrie		

Presbytery of Burlington

Mr. Perkins	David Cubberly	Allentown
Mr. Scovill	Samuel Craig	Bordentown
Mr. Stebbins		Mt. Holly

The roll having been called, the Rev. Aaron H. Hand was unanimously chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. Rodgers and Hale were chosen clerks

Committee on Water Use

Chairman
Dean Clifford

Members

Mr. Charles
Mr. Alexander
Mrs. Johnson
Mrs. Thompson
Mrs. A. L. Todd
Mr. Clemens
Mrs. Tuttle
Mrs. Tuttle
Mrs. Thomas
Mr. Crawford
Mrs. Lucero

Committee on Irrigation

Mr. Tuttle
Mrs. Lucero
Mr. Tuttle

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Note from Rev. James B. Hindshaw - Resolved, that during the present sessions of Synod it be the order to meet at 9 A.M. to have a recess at 12:30 P.M. to meet at 2:30 to have a recess at 5:00 P.M. and meet at 7:00 P.M.

Rev. J. A. Baldwin of Synod of Philadelphia. Rev. Dr. Kittle of Particular Synod of State of New York

Synod then had a recess until 7:00. At the close of the recess Synod convened when the Rev. Mr. I. C. Rankin preached the sermon on Foreign Missions from Zechariah 4:6.

Rev. I. H. McNut of the Synod of N.C. Cor. Member.

Synod then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9:0 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday morning, 9 o'clock.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

Present as before.

The Minutes of the last session of Synod were read.

Rev. James M. Hunting and Rev. Albertus Van DeWater of the Synod of New York invited to sit as correspondents.

Mr. Westbrooks letter, etc.

Minutes of 1855 read and absenties gave satisfactory reasons, etc.

Mr. Williamson, minister of Presbytery of West Jersey and Dr. V. D. M. Marcy, elder of Church of Cold Spring, appeared, etc. William C. Wallace, elder from Chatham, George Reichart, German Ch. Elizabeth, Wm. H. Hornblower, minister Presbytery of Passaic; J.G.Shipman, elder Blvidere; Rev. Henry V. Rankin, Synod of New York was invited to sit as correspondent. James G. Moore, Minister of Passaic.

Standings Committees, see file.

Communication from Rev. Moses Ingalls, received and placed in the hands of the Judicial Committee.

Committee on Bills and Overtures and the Judicial Committee had leave to withdraw, etc.

Scranton chosen next place of meeting unanimously, hour 7 P.M. Tuesday.

Committee on Religious Exercises appointed Hickock. Rev. A. G. Harned, Luzerne Presbytery appeqred, etc.

Committee of Narrative reported, etc. Amended and adopted.

Henry Van Dyke, elder from Kingston appeared, etc. Dr. Hodge of New Brunswick Presbytery appeared, etc. also Wm. A. Dod, minister of New Brunswick Presbytery.

Jacob Lane, elder of Princeton church appeared, also Prof. Duffield. John T. Robinson elder 2nd Princeton.

Case of H. Veith, foreign minister, brought before Synod by Luzerne Presbytery, referred to Committee, Rev. William Graham and Rev. Mr. Rosenthal.

Report of Committee on Standing rules, was amended and adopted, see file.

Judicial Committee report adopted. see file.

Committee on religious exercises for next Synod reported that Rev. E. R. Craven be preacher on Foreign Missions. Rev. J. Kirkpatrick, Jr. alternate, adopted.

Dr. John Maclean made a statement in reference to the present state of the College of New Jersey,- with some account of the revival of religion in the College last winter.

Dr. Hodge's statement in regard to Theological Seminary.

Rev. J. C. Lowrie, D.D. of Synod of New York and Rev. Albert Williams of Synod of Pacific invited to sit as correspondents.

Resolved that it be the order of the day at 4:00 o'clock P.M. to hear Dr. Lowrie on the subject of Foreign Missions.

Memorial from West Jersey Presbytery on the subject of division of Synod was read and committed to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

Committee on New Brunswick book reported. Book approved with the following exception, that no record is made of absent members. see file.

Recess until 2:30 P.M.

At the close of the recess, Synod convened.

Committee of bills and overtures reported. No. 1, Report amended and adopted.

Rev. James Scott, D.D. of particular Synod of New York, Prot. Reformed Dutch Church.

Rev. Mr. Jervis, Presbytery of West Jersey, and Rev. Wm. H. Grear of Presbytery of New Brunswick appeared, etc.

Elizabethtown book approved.
Luzerne book approved
Susquehanna book approved
Passaic book approved
West Jersey book approved.

Committee on Treasurer's account report, etc. adopted. The same committee to make assessment.

Resolutions on the book of Rev. R. Webster adopted. see file.

Dr. I. C. Lewrie was heard on the subject of Foreign Missions. (the order of the day having arrived 4 P.M.)

Order of the day tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock to hear Rev. M. McNiel on the claims of American Bible Society.

Report of Committee on case of Mr. Veit, etc. accepted, and put on the docket.

Treasurers authorized to purchase Assembly's Digest.

Synod had a recess until 7 o'clock.

At the close of the recess, Synod convened and attended upon the Exercises of the Synodical prayer meeting agreeably to the arrangements of the Committee.

Rev. Wm. R. Glenn, Presbytery of Newton, appeared, etc.

The Synod then adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday Morning 9 o'clock.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer. The Minutes of the last session read.

Present as before together with the Rev. Isaac V. Brown of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and Mr. Amzi Carey of the second Church Morristown, Presbytery of Passaic, who assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

Rev. Jesse L. Howell of Synod of New York invited to sit as correspondent.

Statistical reports of Presbyteries read.

Raritan records approved.

Committee on leave of absence made the following report - which was adopted (see file)

The following resolution after discussion was laid on the table, Resolved - that the churches under the care of this Synod be recommended to observe the ____day of ____as a day of special prayer to the God of nations and Lord of All, for His blessings on our country.

Rev. H. McNeill was heard in behalf of the American Bible Society.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to forward the Statistical Report to the next General Assembly.

Rev. George Sheldon made statements in regard to the ogress of the work of supplying the State of New Jersey.

Resolution on the subject of Church Extension, viz. Resolved that this Synod requests all the churches under its care to take up a collection annually in behalf of the Church Extension Committee of the General Assembly.

Dr. J. J. Janeway of Presbytery of New Brunswick appeared in Synod, etc. Rev. Thos. M. Gray of Synod of New York invited to sit as a correspondent.

Had a recess until half past 2 P.M.

At the close of the recess, Synod met

Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the General Assembly, presented the following resolution.

Herman Veith resolution, see file.

Report of the Judicial Committee in the case of the Rev. Mr. Ingalls and the resolution accompanying the same was reconsidered, whereas the following resolution was proposed and carried

Resolved that the minute approving the records of the Presbytery of Susquehanna be reconsidered. Resolved that the following be appended to said minute as an expression of the judgment of Synod, viz. on file. Resolved that the Stated Clerk send this to S.C. of Susquehanna Pres.

Whereas on the review of the minutes of the Presbytery of Susquehanna in the judgment of the Synod, the sentence of deposition from the ministry and of excommunication from the Church in the case of Rev. Moses Ingalls an extreme censure, the Presbytery of Susquehanna is hereby directed to review the case to see if there can be no mitigation of the sentence.

Stated Clerk ordered, etc.

Janitor's bill amounting to six dollars ordered to be paid.

Thanks to the people of the Church.

Railroad.

Adjourned to meet at Scranton, Pa. on the 3rd Tuesday of October 1857 at 7 P.M.

Concluded with singing, prayer and the benediction.

C. R. R. Rodgers)
) Clerks
George Hale)

A P P E N D I X

1. RESOLUTIONS AND IMPORTANT ACTIONS.

2. NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

3. PRESBYTERIAL STATISTICAL REPORTS.

1856

No. 1 Whereas the late Rev. Richard Webster a member of this Synod, has left for publication a History of the Presbyterian Church in this country, a work to which he devoted much time and labor, and whereas the needy circumstances of his family as well as the intrinsic value of the work render its extensive circulation, desirable,

Therefore Resolved, That this Synod cordially and earnestly recommend this History of the Presbyterian Church (about to be published) to the ministers and Churches under our care, and likewise express the hope that suitable effort will be used to secure the sale of as large a number of copies as possible within the bounds of the Synod.

Resolved. That the Boards of Publication be requested to take such action in reference to this work as shall enable them to put it into the hands of the Colporteurs of the Board for more general circulation.

No. 2 The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the General Assembly presented the following resolution, which was adopted. That in thankful remembrance of the signal marks of the Divine favor with which the observance of a special season of prayer has heretofore been attended, and with special remembrance of the favors vouchsafed to the College of New Jersey during the last year, the Synod recommends that the last Thursday of February 1857, be observed by the churches as a day of prayer for the blessing of God, on the work of the ministry, especially in its relation to the baptized children of the church, and for the outpouring of the spirit on the youth of our land, particularly those under instruction in our various institutions of learning.

STANDING RULES OF THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTED OCTOBER 1856.

1. The annual meeting of the Synod shall be held on the 3rd Tuesday of October in each year, at 3 o'clock P. M. (unless otherwise ordered) and shall be opened with a sermon by the Moderator of the Preceding year, or in case of his absence by the last Moderator present.

2. At the close of the public service the Moderator shall take the chair and consititute the Synod with prayer; after which, the roll having been called, and a constitutional quorum being present, a Moderator and Clerks shall be chosen.

3. The Stated Clerk, who is also the Treasurer of the Synod, and shall have the charge of all the books, papers and monies of the Synod and shall conduct the correspondence of the Synod, under their direction; As Treasurer, he shall make an annual report of the finances of the Synod.

4. The Stated Clerk of the Presbyteries composing the Synod shall send the Presbyterial Statistical Reports to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, at least one week before the meeting of the Synod, that the said Clerk may have a complete list of the members of the Synod ready to be called when the body shall be prepared to organize, and this shall supersede the reading of these several reports at the time of organizing.

5. At each meeting of the Synod a person shall be appointed to draft the narrative of the state of religion for the next year, and the Stated Clerks of the several Presbyteries shall forward to such person a copy of the narrative of the state of religion within their respective bounds, at least one week previous to the Stated Meeting of the Synod, that he may be enabled to discharge the duty imposed upon him.

6. There shall be religious exercises unless otherwise ordered every evening during the sessions of the Synod. On the first evening of the sessions of the Synod, there shall be a sermon on Foreign Missions preached by a memberappointed for that purpose at the previous meeting--and on the Second evening of the sessions of the Synod the Synodical prayer meeting shall be held at which time the narrative of the state of religion shall be read.

7. There shall be appointed at each meeting of the Synod a committee consisting of the Moderator, the pastor of the church where the Synod is to meet at is next stated meeting and one other member, whose duty it shall be to nominate to the Synod a preacher on Foreign Missions, and make all the necessary arrangements for the other religions exercises of the next stated meeting.

8. The "General Rules for Judicatories" published by order of the General Assembly were all adopted as rules to be observed by this Synod, (Vol. 1 page 538) and are to be considered as part of the standing rules of this body.

9. At the close of each meeting of the Synod, the roll shall be called, (unless otherwise ordered) and the name of each person absent without leave shallbe entered upon the minutes that such persons may be called to account at the next meeting.

10. The Stated meeting of the Synod shall be closed with singing, prayer and the benediction.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION
1856

The great business of the church of God in this world it to extend its limits, to increase its numbers and to glorify Christ by believing, obeying, and commending his gospel. The great business of the ministry is to unfold and publish to the world the doctrine and worship of the church as they were delivered to the Saints, and in connection with the eldership, to defend and preserve inviolate the rules of Christ's house, and thus to secure the end for which the church was instituted. It is in pursuance of the same object that the Synod of New Jersey holds its annual convention and reviews and reports the state of religion within its bounds. From the narratives of the different Presbyteries composing this body, we learn that a spirit of harmony and kind feeling exists in all or nearly all our churches; and we have reason to believe that professors of religion, as a general thing, while walking together are brethren are also steadfast in maintaining the doctrine and order of the church as taught in her confession of faith. We have also reason to believe from these narratives that there is an increase of mutual confidence and endearing fellowship growing out of the pastoral relation, causing ministers and people to realize how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. From some of the Presbyteries we learn that although there has been no special revival of religion in their congregations as in some former years, there have yet been manifested the tokens of the Presence of God's holy spirit, and that larger numbers than usual have been added to several of their churches. In the observance of the Sabbath, in efficiency and usefulness of Sabbath Schools, in the observance of prayer meetings, and in attendance on the stated services of the sanctuary, as we are pleased to learn there has been no falling of but rather a visible

Improvement in most of the congregations. We learn that there has been no diminution, but rather an increase in the amount contributed by our congregations to the Boards of the church. Various other societies, and agencies and among these especially the American Bible Society have met with deserved patronage and support. In all our churches having settled pastors, it is believed that the shorter catechism is taught to the children and youth, and this under the direction, not only of Parents and of Sabbath School teachers, but of the pastors themselves.

The attention of pastors and churches during the past year, appears to have been turned with more than ordinary interest to the subject of church extension.--Churches have been organized in localities where recently there seemed little inviting to such a step, and large amounts have been raised by subscription to build houses of worship in such localities, as well as to enlarge and beautify others already existing in more favored places. It is worthy of note that persons of abundant means are more frequently met with than formerly, who though unconnected with any church and unaccustomed to contribute to other objects are yet willing to give and to give liberally to build Presbyterian churches in the neighbourhood where they reside---The Synod are pleased to notice that the circulation of the books of the Board of Publication is increasing through the agency of Colporteurs and in various other ways. This is recorded with the more approbation because of the silent but sure and powerful influence of such books to counteract the effects of the light and demoralizing publications with which the secular press is teeming at the present day--Among other favorable existing within our bounds we take great pleasure in referring to the Institutions of Piety and Learning at Princeton. The theological Seminary in that place continues to receive the smiles of Divine Providence and fully an average number of pious youth are at this time in a course of training there for the gospel ministry. The College of New Jersey was probably never in a more flourishing state than at the present time. Since the last meeting of the Synod, a precious season of refreshing grace has been

enjoyed there and, in the judgment of charity, resulting in the conversion to God of some twenty or more of the students. During the year closing with the last commencement, the average number of students was about two hundred and fifty, and at that time, the number of pious students, including those who were the subjects of the recent awakening amounted to One Hundred and six being more than two fifths of the whole. We must not forget to mention that the gracious operations of the spirit in the College became apparent about the 28th of February last, the time appointed by the General Assembly, to be observed as a day of prayer for schools and colleges, and it may literally be said, that while prayer in different parts of our land was ascending to God for the outpouring of his spirit upon our children and youth, a gracious shower was simultaneously descending upon the young men of Princeton College, convicting and drawing a goodly number of them to Christ. The Synod cannot but feel a very deep interest in the prosperity and usefulness of this college, situated as it is within our bounds, nor can they lose sight, by any means, of the fact, that for more than one hundred years, it has been a nursery of the Presbyterian Church; nor can they cease to offer thanks to the great Disposer of Events, that during all that time, so many of its alumni have been found not only in the communion, but also in the ministry of that church. With lively hopes for its increasing usefulness the Synod with entire unanimity commend it to the prayers and patronage of the churches under their care.

We must now, in giving a faithful statement of the condition of our churches, as reported by the several Presbyteries revert to the melancholy truth, that, while at Princeton and in some other places there have been, as already noticed such evident tokens of the presence and the gracious operations of the spirit, apathy and coldness nevertheless have prevailed to an alarming degree in the great majority of our churches. While it cannot be said that the means of grace have been openly neglected, or that religious meetings have been less frequent, or more thinly attended

than usual. Yet the absence of deep feeling and of importunate prayer has been sadly manifest. A spirit of worldliness, an inclination to imitate the fashions and to share in the frivolities of worldly life, we fear are not diminishing, but rather on the increase among our people. In enquiring for the causes of this low state of religion, we have no occasion to search for them among the plans and enterprises which are forming and maturing on every side, nor among the exciting questions and political agitations of the day. It is right for Christians, as well as others to be diligent even in their worldly business. It is as important for them as it is for others to consider maturely the questions which concern their country and to give their influence and their suffrages for such measures and such men as will best secure the rights and liberties and welfare of the people. Cornelius a centurion in his country's service was yet devout and prayed to God always. The cause of diclension in religion is to be found in no lawful calling or employment, but is to be found only and exclusively in the hearts of its professors.--We who are ministers and Elders as also the members of our churches, have need to look inward and search there for any root of bitterness which may have sprung up to choke the word, or to hinder the actings of faith and charity. The spirit of God once said to a church, and to the angel of that church, "I have somewhat against thee because thou hast left thy first love; remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent and do the first works, or else I will come unto thee quickly and remove thy candlestick out of his place, unless thou repent."

This solemn admonition ought to make a deep impression upon any of us who may be in fault. One delinquent has no need to judge himself rather, that God may have mercy upon all. It is also our privelege to hope that however unpromising the aspect of religion maybe in most of our churches at the present time, yet if we truly deplore such a state, the gracious help of the spirit will not be witheld. If in view of our condition we are made more humble and penitent, and prayerful, and if made to feel more entirely our dependance on his mighty arm,

who can tell if there is not a blessing in store for us, as great as our necessities. Though the enemy come in like a flodd, and though iniquities prevail, yet when judgement begins at the house of God, when the sins of his people are confessed and forsaken, when under the pressure of her burdens, the church cries for deliverance, then it is given her to hope that the Lord will lift up a standard against the enemy and arise to plead his own cause. May not his voice be heard even now speaking to us and to our people, as it was once heard from the lips of the prophet saying, "Bring ye all the tithes into the store house that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Since the last meeting of this body, the Rev. Richard Webster, of the Presbytery of Luzerne has departed this life. It is well known that during the latter years of his life, Mr. Webster was engaged in compiling a history of the Presbyterian Church in America, and it was so ordered in the providence of God, that his labors in that work were completed, and the manuscript placed in the hands of the publisher a few days before his death.

Within the last year, and at a period somewhat subsequent to the death of Mr. Webster, the Rev. George Ely of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, also departed this life. The death of these beloved brethren, called away as they were in the midst of their days and of their usefulness, leaves a solemn warning for us who survive, that the working season allotted to us on this earth is drawing to its close, and that what we have to do, we should do quickly. Others will soon enter into our labors, and will take our places--our office--our pulpits, and we shall have gone hence to our account. The death of these brethren too, may well inspire us with loftier views and holier aspirations, that when the heavenly places, and there with our fathers and brethren, and with all the members of our churches who have died in the Lord may be engaged through endless years in serving, admiring and praising him who redeemed us by his blood, that we might be partakers of his kingdom and glory.

PRESBYTERIAL
STATISTICAL REPORTS
1856

1. The Presbytery of Elizabethtown report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 20 Ministers, and have under their care 18 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 5 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 15th of April 1856, they dropped the name of Nathaniel W. Conklin from their last of candidates for the ministry--that on the 19th of May, they received under their care as a candidate for the gospel ministry Mr. Alber t King--that on the same day they licensed Mr. Joseph Jennison to preach the gospel--and organized a German church in the city of Elizabeth--that on the 30th of May, Mr. Warren Scott Blauvelt, a candidate under their care d parted this life--that on the 19th of August, they received under their care Mr. Elias N. Crane a licentiate from the Presbytery of New York, and on the same day, ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the church of New Vernon--that on the 7th of October they dismissed Mr. Ezra F. Mundy a licentiate under their care to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Long Island--that on the following day they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. James Petrie and the church of Pluckamin and dismissed Mr. Petrie to join the 2nd Presbytery of New York--that on the same day they received the Rev. John Wirz, a foreign minister into regular standing inaccordance with the recommendation of the last assembly--and the Presbytery further report that all the churches under their care have made collections for the various boards of the church, except that Pluckamin and New Providence have omitted the Board of Pulbication, and New Vernon owing to its having been without a pastor has made a collection only for the Board of Missions.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
JAMES T. ENGLISH, Stated Clerk.

2. The Presbytery of Passaic report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 17 Ministers, and have under their care 14 churches, 2 Licentiates and 6 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 16th of October 1855, they received the Rev. David Irving from the Presbytery of Bedford, and on the 5th of November installed him pastor of the 1st church of Morristown--that on the 27th of March 1856, they dismissed Rev. J. N. Husted to join the Presbytery of New Castle--that on the 5th of April, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Joseph Mc Murray and the church of Mount Freedom--that on the 16th of April they licensed Mr. Frank Chandler to preach the gospel--that on the same day they received under their care Messrs. Lewis C. Baker and Wm. C. Roberts as candidates for the gospel ministry-that on the 10th of June they installed the Rev. David M. James, pastor of the church of Flanders--that on the 7th of October, they dismissed the Rev. Joseph Mc Murray to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia--that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. Eliphalet Bosworth to join the Presbytery of Baltimore and received under their care as candidates for the gospel ministry, Messrs. Charles E. Hedges, James H. Clark, and William E. Westervelt.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
ROBERT [illegible], Stated Clerk.

3. The Presbytery of New Brunswick report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 48 Ministers, and have under their care, 30 Churches, 6 Licentiates and 5 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 8th of November 1855, they installed the Rev. Thomas L. Janeway D. D. pastor of the church of Kingston--that on the 5th of February 1856, they received Mr. Thomas Spencer Ogden under their care, as a candidate for the gospel ministry--that on the 6th of February they dismissed Mr. Edward P. Terhune a licentiate to put himself under the care of the West Hanover Presbytery

that on the day following they ordained Mr. Andrew B. Morse a licentiate under their care, to the work of the gospel ministry, as an Evangelist, with the view of his going out under the direction of the Board of Foreign Missions--that on the 25th of February they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. George Ely and the church of Hamilton Square on account of Mr. Ely's ill health--that on the 22nd of April they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Joseph Blythe and the 2nd church of Cranberry, and also the pastoral relation between the Rev. Samuel D. Alexander, and the village church of Freehold--and on the day following Mr. Alexander was dismissed to join the Presbytery of New York--that on the same day they licensed Messrs. Amzi S. Armstrong and Robert S. Manning to preach the gospel--that on the 25th of June they dismissed the Rev. Joseph W. Blythe to join the Presbytery of Vincennes--that on the 22nd of July they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. George Ely and the church of Dutch Neck on account of Mr. Ely's ill health--and on the same day ordained Mr. Robert S. Manning a licentiate under their care to the work of the goppel ministry and installed him pastor of the church of Hamilton Square--that on the 5th of August, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Luther W. Van Doren and the church of Freehold--that on the 9th of August, the Rev. George Ely a beloved and faithful member of this Presbytery departed this life--that on the 7th of the present month (October) the Presbytery received under their care the church of Manalapan, recently organized--that on the same day, they received the Rev. William Hamilton from the 2nd Presbytery of New York, and dismissed the Rev. Luther Van Doren to join the Presbytery of Paducah--and received under their care as candidates for the gospel ministry Messrs. Robert Hamill, Nassau, and Robert Hamill Davis and that on the same day they licensed Mr. Henry M. Baird to preach the gospel.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
A. D. WHITE, Stated Clerk.

4. The Presbytery of Newton report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 24 Ministers, and have under their care 26 Churches.

The Presbytery further report that on the 18th of October 1855, they dismissed the Rev. Garrit Van Artsdalen to join the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia--that on the 3rd day of April 1856, they received the Rev. Nathaniel S. Klink from the Presbytery of Albany and that on the 13th of May, installed him pastor of the church of Fox Hill--that on the 23d of July, Mr. Van Artsdalen having returned his former certificate he was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Donegal--that on the same day they received under their care, Mr. William C. Cattell, a licentiate from the Presbytery of West Jersey, and ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist--that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Gershon Goble and the church of Upper Mount Bethel--that on the 3rd of September, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Smith Sturges, and the church of Phillipsburgh--and that on the 8th of October they received the Rev. William R. Glen from the Presbytery of Luzerne, and on the 17th of the same month, installed him pastor of the church of German Valley.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
HUGH N. WILSON, Stated Clerk.

5. The Presbytery of Raritan report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 10 Ministers, and have under their care 17 Churches and 2 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 5th of April 1856, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Holloway W. Hunt Jr. and the church of German Valley--that on the 19th of June, they dismissed Mr. Sidney B. Saw a licentiate under their care to put himself under the care of

the Presbytery of Dubuque and on the same day organized the church of Forrestville. They also report that all their churches have taken up collections for the Boards of the church, with the following exceptions--Flemington, Kingwood, and Frenchtown have taken up no collection for the Board of Education--and the churches of Amwell 1st, Rosemont, Lower German Valley and Clinton have taken up no collection for any of the Boards.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
PETER O. SCHEDIFORD, Stated Clerk.

6. The Presbytery of Susquehanna report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 12 Ministers, and have under their care 21 Churches, and 2 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 27th of August 1856, they deposed from the gospel ministry and excluded from the communion of the church, the Rev. Moses Ingalls, for contumacy--that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. Ebenzer M. Snowden to join the Presbytery of Luzerne--and received under their care the Presbyterian church in Brookfield--that on the 12th day of September they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Henry S. Doolittle and the church of Troy.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
JULIUS FOSTER, Stated Clerk.

7. The Presbytery of Luzerne report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 16 Ministers, and have under their care 23 churches, 6 Licentiates and 4 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 4th of March 1856 they licensed Mr. David S. Jewitt to preach the gospel--that on the 18th of April they dismissed the Rev. Reuben Lowrie to

join any Presbytery formed or tobe formed in his locality in China--that on the 17th of April, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Ashbel G. Warned and the church of Summit Hill--that on the 25th of June they received on probation the Rev. Herman Veith a foreign minister from the "Free Evangelical Church of Germany"--that on the 12th of August they dismissed the Rev. William R. Glen to join the Presbytery of Newton--that on the 16th of September they received the Rev. Ebenezer W. Snowden from the Presbytery of Susquehanna--that on the 11th of October they took under their care the church of Wehoopany, which was organized on that day--the church of Plymouth which was organized on the 5th of October and the German church of Scranton which was organized on the 25th of June--

The Presbytery also reports that on the 17th of June 1856, the Rev. Richard Webster a beloved member of their body departed this life.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
N. GRIFFIN PARKS, Stated Clerk.

6. The Presbytery of West Jersey report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 19 Ministers, and have under their care 20 Churches, and 1 Licentiate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 16th of October 1855, they dismissed the Rev. George Woodhull to join the Presbytery of Greebriar--that on the 30th of the same month, they received the Rev. T. B. Jervis from the Presbytery of Otsego--that on the 19th of November they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. W. T. Baker and the 2nd church of Bridgeton--and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Stockton--that on the 22nd of November they organized a church at Woodstown--that on the 16th of April 1856, they dismissed the Rev. J. W. H. Ker to join the Presbytery of Baltimore--and Mr. William C. Cattell a licentiate under their care to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Newton--and on the same day dropped the name of Mr. Charles Mahan from the list of candidates-that on the 12th of June, they installed the Rev. Daniel Stewart D. D. pastor of the church at Camden

and dismissed the Rev. Henry C. Fries to join the Presbytery of New Castle--that on the 8th of October, they received the Rev. P. B. Nevoy from the Presbytery of North River and Mr. P. A. Mc Martin a licentiate from the Presbytery of East Hanover-that on the same day they ordained Mr. James M. Edmonds a licentiate under their care to the work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
ALLEN W. BROWN, Stated Clerk.

9. The Presbytery of Burlington reports to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 7 Ministers, and have under their care 9 Churches.

The Presbytery further report that there have been no changes whatever in the constitution of the judicatory since the date of the last report.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
SAMUEL MILLER, Stated. Clerk.

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